



**Associated Student Government Senate  
Graduate Education Auditorium, 6:30 PM**

**11 March 2025**

- i. **Call to Order**
- ii. **Roll Call**
  - a. 42 – 7 – 0
- iii. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - a. Approved unanimously
- iv. **Special Orders**
  - a. Reports (5 minutes each)
    - i. Special Reports
    - ii. Senior Advisor to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Erin Butler
      - 1. If you are completing an official function form, make sure it is fully completed and has the requester signature. If you are needing to use P-Card, \$2,000 is highest single purchase amount available in a transaction. If you're needing to make a larger purchase, try and work with Emily Meyers or me so I can make a request for an increase. If you are doing anything that involves a contract it has to go through legal review with general counsel
      - 2. I will be out of office next Monday through Thursday. I will be answering emails and will also communicate with exec others you can reach out to for any last-minute needs
      - 3. Communication has been sent out for the ASG Advisor candidate town hall on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be presentations from the candidates as well as the opportunity for you to ask questions. I highly encourage you to attend and provide feedback on candidates
      - 4. The A6 Grand opening is tomorrow, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3
    - iii. President, Mason Berres
      - 1. Voting is ongoing and will close tomorrow the 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
      - 2. Referendums are on the ballot; you should vote whichever way you feel called to vote for, but I encourage you to vote yes

3. The A6 Grand opening is tomorrow. A sign up for tabling has been sent out. If you want to stop by, please do
  4. Spring appointments for cabinet, judicial, OFA, FLF staff are coming soon. If you are not returning to Senate but want to still be involved within ASG please come talk to me or any of exec
- iv. Vice-President, Aleesa Williams
1. The next All-Call will be on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. An email with information as RSVP has been sent out
  2. The faculty appreciation nominations form closes on Friday
- v. Treasurer, Rhea Patel
1. OFA has recently broken the record for the most amount allocated in one week, \$44,000. The average is around \$13,000-\$25,000
  2. The last few funding workshops will occur soon, please continue to spread the word about them
- vi. Secretary, Sydney Roulhac
1. Let me know if the marketing team or I could be of any help
- vii. Chief Justice, Adi Kombathula
1. Voting is open until 4pm tomorrow, if you have any problems or see anything that needs reporting please text or email me
  2. Announcement will be at 12:45 in the Union Mall on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>
- viii. FLF Coordinator, Hadley Burke
1. No report
- ix. Cabinet Reports
1. Chief of Staff, Kennedy Maloney
    - a. Cabinet just opened the floor for the new housing committee and is excited for the collaboration with Senate
    - b. The student poll data is being presented and we are trying to bring it to Senate as well. I would love to share it with you or if you have any questions regarding the poll please reach out to me
    - c. Upcoming Events
      - i. Safety week
      - ii. Quizlet event next week that will be before the DLC speaker on the 19<sup>th</sup>
      - iii. DLC speaker next week on the 19<sup>th</sup>
- x. Senate Ambassador, Bethany Mueller

1. Other Senators and I are meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs to discuss the implementation of Narcan training for students
- xi. Chair of the Senate, Logan Martin
  1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final trail clean-up will be April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm

b. Special Reports

v.

**Announcements**

- a. Senator Durden
  - i. A resolution was sent to you prior to Senate. Please look over it if you can
- b. Senator Schwindt
  - i. The housing committee resolution got passed, as soon as we get a candidate elected, we will be sending out an application for the committee
- c. Senator Warren
  - i. Zeta king of pink is Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the Greek Theater. Money from ticket purchases will go towards raising funding for breast cancer research
- d. Senator Mueller
  - i. The new bike rack will hopefully be but up on the North side of Mullins soon
- e. Senator Rice
  - i. I am currently working on resolution for Senate's support of the Maple Street redesign project. If you're interested in sponsoring, please reach out to me

vi.

**Think Tank**

- a. Postponed to next week's meeting

vii.

**Appointments, Nominations, and Elections**

- a. ASG Housing Committee Senate Co-Chair
  - i. Senator Schwindt
    1. Vote – unanimous by acclamation
- b. Chair of the Senate Election
  - i. Nominator Speech, Senator Abigail Villeneuve (3 Minutes)
    1. Alexander is someone who takes the initiative to connect with others and consistently goes the extra mile to help them find meaningful connections. He looks beyond the legislation at hand, dedicating himself to addressing real issues that impact our campus. With his strong analytical and strategic skills, Alexander works diligently to find solutions and encourages others to step up and lead
  - ii. Candidate speech, Senator Alexander Dennis (5 Minutes)

1. The first time I walked through ASG, I felt a sense of kindness and belonging. It led me to serve in the Senate and advocate for students, and I've carried that same spirit forward. While tabling, I met a student who was genuinely interested in what we do. He came back the following week to tell me he was running for Senate. It's about bringing people in, showing them they belong, and helping them make a difference. Fostering a strong community requires a commitment to service and leadership. Our mission in the Senate is to be the voice of students and take action to improve their quality of life. As chair of the research committee, I've worked hard for meaningful change for students, breaking records multiple times. I'm not afraid to fight for Senate and the legislation you want to pass. If elected, I will continue to advocate for students and empower you to make an impact. The two years I've spent in Senate have shown me the power of making a real difference for students. Cooperation between ASG and its branches is crucial, and building those relationships is essential

iii. Vote

1. 41 – 0 – 1

iv. Chair-Elect Announcement

1. Senator Alexander Dennis

v. Remarks from the Chair-Elect

1. It's an incredible honor to stand before you as the chair elect. This role is about trust, responsibility, and service. Together, we will continue making tangible differences in students' lives. No chair can accomplish these goals alone; everyone has a role to play

viii.

**Public Comment (3 at 2 minutes each)**

a. Samuel Hoffman

- i. Last time I came here to urge you not to pass a bill, and today, I am here for the opposite reason. I am against the Arkansas ACCESS bill, which makes student absences unexcused for political events and, frankly, takes away funding from the school. The passage of ACCESS will harm both the university and the student body as a whole

b. Bryson Austin

- i. Today, I come before you as a student to urge you to pass the bill on the agenda that opposes ACCESS

c. Laney Kellybrew

- i. I'm here in my capacity as Director of External Relations to urge you to pass the bill tonight. ACCESS would be harmful to students who travel to advocate on their behalf

**ix. Old Business**

- a. None

**x. New Business**

- a. SR5 A Resolution Expressing Student Concern Regarding ACCESS

- i. Author(s): Parliamentarian Kevin Durden
- ii. Sponsor(s): Programming Committee Chair Abigael Villeneuve, Senate Ambassador Bethany Mueller, and Campus Life Committee Chair Sydney Stewart
- iii. Authorship Report:

- 1. The bills for the ACCESS initiative would harm students. I hoped official action by ASG wouldn't be necessary. The Arkansas ACCESS Act (HB1512 and SB246) is a set of educational reform bills that would significantly impact students
- 2. Key provisions in Section 47 would prevent state-supported higher education institutions from granting excused absences for political protests, social advocacy, or efforts to influence legislation, restricting students' ability to participate in advocacy work
- 3. Section 48 also aims to prohibit compliance with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) accreditation requirements, which could lead to the loss of accreditation for several degree programs and limit federal funding for universities. These changes are seen as harmful to students' rights to free expression and educational opportunities
- 4. The resolution states that Associated Student Government Senate strongly opposes the bills in their current form and advocate for amendments that would protect students' ability to engage in political and social advocacy, support DEI initiatives, and preserve accreditation and funding
- 5. The resolution also states the Senate Leadership Council will draft a letter to the Fayetteville General Assembly Representatives expressing the Senate's opposition to the Arkansas ACCESS bill in its current form and expressing the Senate's support for the amendments specified in the Resolution

- iv. Committee referral: Referred to the Committee as a Whole

- v. Motion

- 1. Motion to advance the bill to second reading
- 2. Vote

- a. Passed unanimously by acclamation
- vi. Committee Report(s):
  - 1. Committee as a Whole: Committee Chair, Chair of the Senate Logan Martin
    - a. The Committee as a Whole recommend passing the legislation with the proposed amendments
      - i. Proposed amendments
        - 1. Adding: “The Senate Leadership Council will draft, as soon as possible, a letter to the Arkansas General Assembly expressing the Senate’s opposition to the Arkansas ACCESS bill in its current form and expressing the Senate’s support for the amendments specified in the Resolution. This Letter and Resolution shall be sent digitally and physically to the Arkansas General Assembly”
        - 2. Adding: “The Senate will make the letter available to any agent of ASG to cosign prior to its being sent, digitally and physically to the state legislature”
        - 3. Adding: “Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Rebeca Haley”
- vii. Debate on the proposed amendments
  - 1. None
- viii. Vote on the proposed amendments
  - 1. Amendments adopted by acclamation
- ix. Debate on the Resolution
  - 1. Against – Sending this to the Arkansas General Assembly is a dangerous idea. I urge that we avoid taking action at the wrong time and potentially stepping out of line
  - 2. For – I believe it’s important that we send this to the Arkansas General Assembly to protect our rights and the rights of students, as this is a crucial first step in preventing further restrictions
- x. Motion
  - 1. Motion to amend and strike the use of “Arkansas General Assembly” and replace with “Fayetteville General Assembly Representatives”
  - 2. Vote
    - a. Amendment adopted by acclamation

xi. Motion

1. Motion to amend to insert the “Office of Governmental Relations should be consulted in the writing of this letter”
2. Vote
  - a. Amendment adopted by acclamation

xii. Vote

1. Legislation passed, 33 – 1 – 3

**xi. Adjournment**